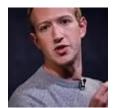
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A rambunctious, roughly <u>six-hour hearing</u> to determine whether to sanction every lawyer who joined the "Kraken" legal offensive in Michigan did not go well for those lawyers on Monday. **Lin Wood's** defiant post on Telegram immediate after may have made things even worse.



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Despite being one of the most visible public faces of the "Kraken" litigation, Wood claimed on Monday: "I played absolutely no role in the drafting of the complaint."

It is easy to see why Wood may want to distance himself: Counsel for the city of Detroit asked U.S. District Judge **Linda Parker** to refer him and everyone else whose names appear in the pleadings to be referred for <u>disbarment proceedings</u>.

Setting virtual proceedings via Zoom, Judge Parker "absolutely prohibited" any recordings, referring to Local Rule 83.32 (e)(2) for the Eastern District of Michigan. Those rules lay out clearly: "Taking photographs or video recordings in connection with any Judicial Proceeding (including any participants in a Judicial Proceeding while they are in a courtroom or its environs), and the recording or broadcasting of Judicial Proceedings by radio or television or other means is prohibited."

The section of the local rules outlining violations of these provisions <u>reads</u>:

- (g) Violations.
- (1) Attorney Discipline. An attorney violating this rule may be subject to discipline, including debarment, in accordance with Local Rule 83.22.
- (2) Confiscation. A violation of this rule, including without limitation unauthorized possession of an Electronic Device, use of a Personal Electronic Device in an unauthorized space, possession of an Electronic Device in an audible mode, and failing to turn off an Electronic Device when required, may result in immediate confiscation of the electronic device. Any judicial officer may order confiscation of an Electronic Device. Any United States Marshal, Deputy Marshal, or court security officer may also confiscate an Electronic Device.

- (3) Contempt of Court. A violation of this rule may be punished as criminal contempt of court. A violation that disrupts a judicial proceeding may be punished by summary proceedings.
- (4) Relief from Confiscation of an Electronic Device. A person whose Electronic Device has been confiscated may apply in writing within twenty-eight (28) days after confiscation for return of the Electronic Device. The application shall be made to the judicial officer whose proceedings were disturbed by the violation, or, if there is no such judicial officer, to the chief judge. The judicial officer may grant or refuse the request. If the judicial officer determines that no violation of this rule occurred, he or she shall order the Electronic Device returned. If a violation has occurred and the request for return is granted, the judicial officer shall assess an appropriate monetary payment as a condition of returning the Electronic Device. Confiscated Electronic Devices that are not returned, either because no request has been made within the time provided or the request for return has been denied, shall be disposed of in a manner directed by the chief judge.
- (5) Consent to Provisions. Any person bringing into a Federal Court facility of its environs an Electronic Device shall be determined to have consented to the provisions of this rule.

Within hours of the close of those proceedings, Lin Wood posted a video snippet on his more than 840,000-follower Telegram account, featuring **Sidney Powell's** closing monologue.

"Sidney Powell elegantly states her case at the end of the hearing," Wood wrote, posting a video that Law&Crime declined to share or screenshot to comply with the court's rules. "Surprisingly, the judge let her speak."

Powell's acrimonious closing remarks accused the judge of conducting her proceedings in a way that diminished the public's confidence in federal elections and the U.S. judiciary.

"We have practiced law with the highest standards. We would file these same complaints again. We welcome an opportunity to prove our case. No court has ever given us that opportunity," she complained.

Four federal judges, nominated by Democratic and Republican presidents, all rejected the "Kraken" lawsuits, the name Powell gave to her quartet of lawsuits in a nod to the mythical, octopus-like monster.

"This is one of the proceedings that leaves the American public with no confidence either in our election system or our judicial system," Powell claimed.

Despite Powell's accusatory tone, Judge Parker coolly and methodically pressed Powell and her co-counsel for what vetting, if any, they performed on the piles of affidavits that they submitted to the court. She answered Powell's closing harangue politely.

"All right, thank you for those remarks," Parker replied.

In another Telegram post, Wood reiterated his assertion that he had "no role whatsoever" in drafting and filing the Michigan case, and he said Powell confirmed as much. He added: "I thought I was attending a hearing in Venezuela or Communist China."

A lawyer representing the "Kraken" team, **Donald Campbell**, used an inflammatory comparison to the Nazi regime in making a point to how judicial review distinguishes the United States from the world's tyrannies. Detroit's lawyer **David Fink** depicted the "Kraken" case in court as a vehicle of the "Big Lie" of election fraud, noting that he filed the sanctions motion one day before the Jan. 6th siege of the U.S. Capitol.

Fink blamed the rhetoric and ideas the lawsuits fostered for that assault on U.S. democracy.

(Screenshot of Lin Wood via WSB-TV)

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